

Part 46 – The Sovereignty of Our God-The Book of Job

Elihu’s Final Pitch- BEHOLD Stand and consider the wonders of God.

Job 37:1-5

- 1. The Word of God is IT**
- 2. All the ways of God are always Righteous**
- 3. The Approach of God is personal**
- 4. Understand our limitations before God**

Job 33:14-30 “Indeed God speaks once,
Or twice, yet no one notices it.

¹⁵ “**In a dream, a vision of the night,**

When sound sleep falls on men,

While they slumber in their beds,

¹⁶ Then He opens the ears of men,

And seals their instruction,

¹⁷ **That He may turn man aside from his conduct,**

And keep man from pride;



18 **He keeps back his soul** (*naḇ-šōw-nephesh*) **from the pit,**
And his **life** (*wə-hay-yā-tōw*) from passing over into Sheol.

19 **Man is also chastened with pain on his bed,**
And with unceasing complaint in his bones;

Albert Barnes comments: Elihu now says, that affliction is a part of a disciplinary government; that it is one of the means which God adopts, when warnings are ineffectual, to restrain people and to bring them to reflection and repentance. This appears to have been a view which was almost entirely new to them.

20 So that his **life** loathes bread,
And his **soul** favorite food.

21 "His flesh wastes away from sight,
And his bones which were not seen stick out.

22 "Then his **soul** draws near to the pit,
And his **life** to those who bring death.

23 "If there is an angel as mediator for him,
One out of a thousand,

To remind a man what is right for him,

24 Then let him be gracious to him, and say,
'Deliver him from going down to the pit,
I have found a ransom';

²⁵ Let his flesh become fresher than in youth,
Let him return to the days of his youthful vigor;

²⁶ **Then he will pray to God, and He will accept him,** (*some time has passed*)
That he **may** see His face with joy,
And He **may** restore His righteousness to man.

²⁷ "He will sing to men and say,
'I have sinned and perverted what is right,
And it is not proper for me.

²⁸ **'He has redeemed my soul from going to the pit,
And my life shall see the light.'**

²⁹ **"Behold, God does all these oftentimes with men,**
³⁰ **To bring back his soul from the pit,
That he may be enlightened with the light of life.**

Matthew 24:3-14 ³ As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, **the disciples came to Him** privately, saying, "**Tell us**, when will these things happen, and what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?"

⁴ And Jesus answered and said to them, "See to it that no one misleads you.

⁵ **For many will come in My name**, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and **will mislead many.**

⁶ You will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. **See that you are not frightened**, for those **things must take place**, **but that is not yet the end.**

⁷ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes. ⁸ But all these things are merely the beginning of birth pangs.

⁹ **“Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations because of My name.**

¹⁰ At that time **many** will fall away and will betray one another and hate one another. ¹¹ **Many** false prophets will arise and will mislead **many**. ¹² Because lawlessness is increased, most people’s love will grow cold. ¹³ **But the one who endures to the end, he will be saved.**

Quote from an essay entitled “Death, Then The Resurrection” by Bill Ramey:

The Serpent cunningly said, “Not—you shall surely die.” The normal word order would have been “You shall surely not die” with the negative preceding the finite verb; however here, it is placed in front of the entire construction. Effectively, the Serpent quotes the words of the LORD God except placing his negation in front of it. What was at first a question about the LORD’s prohibition by the Serpent to the woman now became his denial of the consequence of disobedience to God—death.

<https://www.inthebeginning.org/kingdom/ramey/pdf/d2rintroduction.pdf>

<http://www.thegrovebiblefellowship.com/index.html>

Elihu's great FINAL Pitch covers 4 main areas:

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| 1. Behold that God is Incomprehensible | Verses 1-5 |
| 2. Behold God's Sovereignty | Verses 6-13 |
| 3. Behold God's Creativity | Verses 14-20 |
| 4. Behold God's Awesome Majesty | Verses 21-24 |

Now, BEHOLD is used 1,218 times in the NASB translation: *be sure to see. look, gaze, see, regard, consider, behold*

We are back into God's Majestic creation: **Elihu's Final Pitch- Behold Stand and consider the wonders of God.**

1. Behold that God is Incomprehensible

So, he deals firstly, with man's inability to FULLY comprehend THE Sovereign God.

*God communicated in the **past via His angels**, so people heard the voice of God, then also through **personal dreams and visions**, but also importantly, via **personal discipline and pain**.*

³² "He covers His hands with the **lightning**,
And commands it to **strike the mark**.

³³ "**Its noise declares His presence**;
The cattle also, concerning what is coming up.

Job 37 ² "**Listen closely to the thunder of His voice**,
And the rumbling that goes out from His mouth.

The NET: The imperative is followed by the infinitive absolute from the same root to express the intensity of the verb.

Psalm 29: ***The voice of the Lord** is used 7 times in 9 verses.*

Psalms 29:3-9 ³ **The voice of the Lord** is upon the waters;
The God of glory thunders,
The Lord is over many waters.

⁴ **The voice of the Lord** is **powerful**,
The voice of the Lord is **majestic**.

⁵ **The voice of the Lord** breaks the cedars;
Yes, the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.

⁶ He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
And Sirion like a young wild ox.

⁷ **The voice of the Lord** hews out flames of fire.

⁸ **The voice of the Lord** shakes the wilderness;
The Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

⁹ **The voice of the Lord** makes the deer to calve
And strips the forests bare;
And in His temple everything says, "Glory!"

Job 37 ³ "Under the whole heaven **He** lets it loose,
And **His** lightning to the ends of the earth.

⁴ "After it, a **voice** roars;

He thunders with **His** majestic voice,

And **He** does not restrain the lightnings when **His voice** is heard.

⁵ "**God thunders with His voice wondrously**,

Doing great things which we cannot comprehend.